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TO: Mr. Carlucci

In follow up of our discussion of charters on Friday, attached for your consideration is a proposed memo for NFIP Program Managers . It is a toned down version of an attachment to the OLC concept paper which I sent to the Director on 16 February.

I recommend that what is stressed be informational exchange rather than a centralized coordination role. The former can be viewed as a benefit to all, whereas the latter has the appearance of turf encroachment.

With information in hand, we can work up an effective legislative strategy program. For it to be effective, it needs the backing of the DCI and the other SCC principals. Its best chance of getting that backing is that it be good. It will be good if we get the information we need. However, if we assert the coordinator role too early in the game, all I think we will get is flak.



cc: Tony Lapham

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MEMORANDUM FOR: All NFIP Program Managers
FROM: Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT: Congressional Information Exchange Program

1. In order to facilitate the coordination of Congressional matters between all NFIP organizations, I believe it is appropriate to establish a Congressional information exchange program. Such a program would not only insure that all NFIP managers are informed of current Congressional interests but would also assist in identifying emerging issues requiring Community resolution. In addition, such a program would be of considerable value in helping me carry out my responsibilities regarding Congressional matters, including those assigned to me by Executive Order 12036.

2. I envision that such a program, in addition to supporting effective, unified and cooperative relations between all NFIP organizations and the Congress, would also facilitate the coordination of NFIP views and positions on legislation as well as Congressional use of national foreign intelligence in a secure manner. Such a program would include the timely exchange of information on Congressional dealings by NFIP organizations

in all areas including briefings, hearings, intelligence operations, products, resources, procedures, policy, and travel.

3. Therefore, it is hereby requested that all NFIP managers identify a focal point officer within their organization to join with the Legislative Counsel of the Office of the Director of Central Intelligence for the purpose of establishing such an exchange program. It is envisioned that information concerning the above matters would be forwarded to my Legislative Counsel for collation with the resulting informational exchange being shared with all NFIP managers.

4. I will appreciate your forwarding the names of all focal point officers to my Legislative Counsel, by 3 April 1978.

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